2nd May, 2013

Essential Services Commission Level 37 /2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, 3000

RE: Submission to Water Price Review (South Gippsland Water, Water Plan III, 2013-2018)

Dear Commissioner,

I am a Strezlecki Ward Councillor in the South Gippsland Shire Council and also a resident of Poowong. I support the small price rise proposed by South Gippsland Water as presented at your Public Forum held in Leongatha on Monday the 29th of April that will allow for Loch, Nyora & Poowong Sewerage Scheme project to proceed and to be completed within the regulatory period 2013- 2018.

The project is well supported in our communities and will bring benefits to public health, environment, services & facilities and township amenity values. There has been much angst within the communities for this long-awaited project to be completed. I would like to commend the Commission on their recent efforts in consulting with our communities and for the reassurance that the Commission will work co-operatively with South Gippsland Water to allow the project to be completed within the above timeframe.

Yours Sincerely,

Cr. Lorraine Brunt